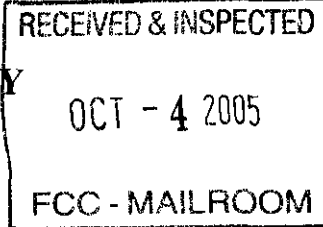


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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A306
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Pursuant to Federal Rule 54.314(a), October 1st Certification Requirement for High Cost Universal Service Support, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is sent to certify that all eligible carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority")¹ have provided self certification that federal high cost support, including high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support and hold harmless support, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Communications Act. No non-rural carriers in Tennessee are eligible to receive this support. A list of all eligible rural carriers under the jurisdiction of the Authority and the Study Area Code ("SAC") for each follows:²

<u>State</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
TN	290280	Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290553	Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.
TN	290552	CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.
TN	290557	CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.
TN	290574	CenturyTel of Ooletewah-Collegedale, Inc.
TN	290580	Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, LLC

¹ According to Tennessee statutes, telephone cooperatives are not subject to Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") jurisdiction; therefore, they are not being certified in this letter. It is our understanding that cooperatives must file appropriate certification directly with the FCC and USAC. Tennessee has ten (10) telephone cooperatives operating in the state.

² All the listed Tennessee rural incumbents have certified to the TRA that they are not disaggregating and are targeting high cost support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.315(b) except Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC submitted its Disaggregation Plan to the TRA for approval pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.315(c) in TRA Docket No. 04-00098. The TRA approved the plan on May 24, 2004.

<u>State</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
TN	294336	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC
TN	290559	Concord Telephone Exchange
TN	290561	Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290566	Humphreys County Telephone Company
TN	290570	Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290571	Millington Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290576	Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290578	Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290575	Tennessee Telephone Company
TN	290581	United Telephone Company
TN	290583	West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.

This filing is made pursuant to CC Docket 96-45.

Sincerely,


Ron Jones
Chairman


Deborah Taylor Tate
Director


Sara Kyle
Director